

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 520 - SB 385**

March 25, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a special committee to study access to justice and other implications of death penalty trials in the state. The committee shall consist of 15 members as follows:

- Three members of the Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the Senate
- Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House
- Three members appointed by the Governor
- State Attorney General
- Representative of the Tennessee Bar Association
- Representative of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Representative of the District Attorneys General Conference
- Representative of the State Public Defenders Conference
- Representative of the Office of Post-Conviction Defender

The committee shall report its findings and recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2004. The bill provides that it is the intent of the General Assembly that a moratorium be established with regard to carrying out any death penalty imposed until such time as the General Assembly has received, considered and acted upon the recommendations of the committee.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$1,317 Each One Day Meeting**

Estimated travel expense for committee members.

*For information purposes, a moratorium on carrying out executions may postpone expenditures for the filing of last minute litigation such as a petition for clemency and additional security costs associated with executions. There may also be some additional incarceration cost during the moratorium period.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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